

Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As our thoughts turn to spring, warmer weather, and more daylight, we are still reminded of the effects of winter here at the parish. For the past number of weeks, I have been sending updates via Flocknote about the damage in our middle school back in January. The loss of power for thirty-four hours destroyed our heating units and pipes in the 3rd-8th grade classrooms. This portion of our campus is sixty-four years old and all the equipment was original to its construction. As such, we had to decide to either repair or replace the heating equipment. We needed to balance the need of restoring the classrooms as quickly as possible with the long-term care of our school building ensuring this will not happen again and being good stewards of our property. After receiving expert advice, it became clear we need to replace the equipment and make a few updates to ensure this does not happen again.

The insurance company will pay the costs to repair but not to replace. That means we have \$120,000 out of pocket cost to restore our classrooms. I know our parish and school family is very generous so I write this letter humbly asking for your help. On March 9th the annual Royal Affair will take place. Each year there is a "Fund-A-Need" where money is raised for a particular project. This year, the "Fund-A-Need" goal is \$60,000 to assist in paying for the classroom repairs. I know some of you reading this letter will attend the Royal Affair, and I look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your generosity in advance.

Since we are one parish family I am asking for all of us to chip in on this unfortunate, but important, project. Homeowners know well the challenge of unexpected damage due to circumstances beyond our control. We are no different. As you read this letter please prayerfully discern at what level you can contribute. We are very proud of our school and the fine education received here in a Christ-centered environment.

Allow me to offer my gratitude, once again, to our maintenance team and parish staff who worked so hard to mitigate what could have been even more damage. Many hours were put in that weekend and I am grateful. I also want to acknowledge our students, teachers, and school staff. Since that storm those classes have been relocated throughout our campus. Our teachers have sacrificed and worked hard to continue to deliver quality education while in less than ideal circumstances. Thank you one and all!

Please indicate your contribution using the line designated "Storm Damage Emergency Fund". May God continue to bless you and reward you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Aaron R. Laskiewicz
Pastor